

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims pending: 1-3, 6, and 8-23.

Canceled claims: 4, 5, and 7.

Amended claims: 1-3, 6, 8, 10, 11, 14, and 17-20.

New claims: 21-23.

1. **(Currently Amended)** A cutting guide, comprising:
a body portion having a leading edge, a trailing edge, and an opening therethrough, the opening having a continuous perimeter defined by the body portion; and
an engagement portion concentrically attached to the body portion;
wherein the leading edge is adapted to guide a saw while a cut is being made in a material, and
wherein the opening in the body portion is adapted to accept a portion of a user's hand, such that pressure can be applied by the user to a portion of the guide inside the opening to hold the engagement portion in contact with the material.
2. **(Currently Amended)** The cutting guide of claim 1, wherein the engagement portion is constructed of a non-slip or tacky substance and is shaped to conform to the material.
3. **(Currently Amended)** The cutting guide of claim 1, wherein the engagement portion is constructed of one of rubber and plastic, and the body portion is constructed of one of metal and plastic.

4. (Canceled).
5. (Canceled).
6. (Currently Amended) The cutting guide of claim 1, wherein the body portion is cylindrical or rectangular in shape.
7. (Canceled).
8. (Currently Amended) The cutting guide of claim 1, ~~wherein the leading edge of the body portion includes~~ further comprising a groove disposed in an outer surface of the body portion on the leading or trailing edge of the body portion, the groove being configured to fit in for fitting into a cutting guide holder attached to a saw.
9. (Original) The cutting guide of claim 1, wherein the body portion is constructed of a hardened metal.
10. (Currently Amended) The cutting guide of claim 1, wherein the engagement portion is removably attached to the body portion ~~removably replaceable~~.
11. (Currently Amended) A saw, comprising:
a blade; and

a handle attached to the blade, the handle including ~~wherein the handle includes~~ a cutting guide holder; and

a cutting guide held by the cutting guide holder, the cutting guide comprising a body portion having a leading edge, a trailing edge, and an opening therethrough, the opening having a continuous perimeter defined by the body portion, and an engagement portion concentrically attached to the body portion,

wherein the cutting guide holder includes ~~including~~ a plurality of raised portions adapted to engage the [[a]] body portion of the [[a]] cutting guide to securely retain the cutting guide on the handle.

12. **(Original)** The saw of claim 11, wherein the saw is one of a hacksaw, a crosscut saw, a miter saw, a coping saw, a dovetail saw, a bow saw, and a keyhole saw.

13. **(Original)** The saw of claim 11, wherein the raised portions are constructed of one of plastic and metal.

14. **(Currently Amended)** The saw of claim 11, wherein the raised portions are attached to the handle on each lateral side of the handle.

15. **(Original)** The saw of claim 11, wherein the raised portions are molded into the handle.

16. **(Original)** The saw of claim 11, wherein the plurality of raised portions are adapted to engage a groove in the body portion of the cutting guide.

17. **(Currently Amended)** A cutting guide, comprising:
a body portion having a leading edge, a trailing edge, and an opening therethrough, the opening having a continuous perimeter defined by the body portion; and
means for engaging a material to be cut, the means for engaging a material attached to the body portion;
wherein the leading edge is adapted to guide a saw while a cut is being made in a material, and
wherein the opening in the body portion is adapted to accept a portion of a user's hand, such that pressure can be applied by the user to a portion of the guide inside the opening to hold the engagement means in contact with the material.

18. **(Currently Amended)** The cutting guide of claim 17, wherein the engagement means for engaging a material is concentrically attached to the body portion.

19. **(Currently Amended)** The cutting guide of claim 17, wherein the engagement means for engaging a material is removably attached to the body portion.

20. **(Currently Amended)** The cutting guide of claim 17, wherein the engagement means for engaging a material is constructed of one of a non-slip and a tacky substance and is shaped to conform to the material.

21. (New) The cutting guide of claim 1, further comprising a groove disposed in an outer surface of the body portion on the leading or trailing edge of the body portion, the groove being configured to fit in a cutting guide holder attached to a saw,

wherein the engagement portion is constructed of one of rubber and plastic and is shaped to conform to the material, the engagement portion being removably attached to the body portion, and

wherein the body portion is cylindrical and is constructed of a hardened metal.

22. (New) The saw of claim 11, wherein the saw is one of a hacksaw, a crosscut saw, a miter saw, a coping saw, a dovetail saw, a bow saw, and a keyhole saw,

wherein the raised portions are flexible, are constructed of one of plastic and metal, and are molded to the handle on each lateral side of the handle, and

wherein the plurality of raised portions are adapted to engage a groove in the body portion of the cutting guide to retain the cutting guide on the handle of the saw.

23. (New) The cutting guide of claim 17, further comprising a groove disposed in an outer surface of the body portion on one of the leading and trailing edge of the body portion, the groove being configured to fit in a cutting guide holder attached to a saw,

wherein the engagement means is constructed of one of rubber and plastic and is shaped to conform to the material, the engagement means being removably attached to the body portion, and

wherein the body portion is cylindrical and is constructed of a hardened metal.